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**ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF**  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA**  
**BILLINGS DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**BRIAN ALBERT BENTZ,**

**Defendant.**

**CR 17-116 -BLG- SPW**

**INDICTMENT**

**CONSPIRACY TO POSSESS WITH**  
**THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE AND**  
**TO DISTRIBUTE**  
**METHAMPHETAMINE**  
**(Count I)**  
**Title 21 U.S.C. § 846**  
**(Penalty: Mandatory minimum ten years**  
**to life imprisonment, \$10,000,000 fine, and**  
**at least five years of supervised release)**

**POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO**  
**DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE**  
**(Count II)**  
**Title 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)**  
**(Penalty: Mandatory minimum five years**  
**to 40 years of imprisonment, \$5,000,000**  
**fine, and at least four years of supervised**  
**release)**

	<b>TITLE 21 PENALTIES MAY BE ENHANCED FOR PRIOR DRUG- RELATED FELONY CONVICTIONS</b>
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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT I

That beginning in or about January 2016, and continuing thereafter until on or about April 7, 2016, at Billings and elsewhere in the State and District of Montana, the defendant, BRIAN ALBERT BENTZ, together with others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, knowingly conspired and agreed to distribute, and to possess with the intent to distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), 500 grams or more of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846.

COUNT II

That on or about April 7, 2016, at Billings, in the State and District of Montana, the defendant, BRIAN ALBERT BENTZ, knowingly possessed, with the intent to distribute, 5 grams or more of actual methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1).

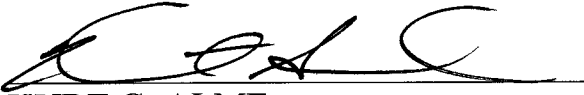
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Crim. Summons \_\_\_\_\_

Warrant: ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

Bail: \_\_\_\_\_